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1. MOST GRATIFIED THAT GALLAGHER AND DYKES HAVE BEEN
RELEASED. EMBASSY SHOULD NOW FOLLOW SCENARIO PROVIDED REF-
TELS (C) AND (D), INCLUDING DESIGNATION OF USIS OFFICER AND
MEDICAL ESCORT OFFICERS.

2. WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO PROPOSED PRESS STATEMENT (PARA
3 REFTEL B) BEING MADE ON BEHALF OF MISSION. DEPARTMENT
PLANS TO ISSUE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

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QUOTE WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT USIA OFFICERS CHARLES D.

GALLAGHER AND WILLIAM R. DYKES, JR. HAVE BEEN RELEASED IN BEIRUT UNHARMED.

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND THE GALLAGHER AND DYKES FAMILIES ARE DEEPLY GRATEFUL TO THE GOVERNMENT OF LEBANON FOR ITS UNREMITTING AND RESOURCEFUL EFFORTS IN SECURING THE RELEASE OF MR. GALLAGHER AND MR. DYKES. THOSE EFFORTS ARE

ESPECIALLY APPRECIATED CONSIDERING THE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT INTERNAL CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH THEY WERE PURSUED.
UNQUOTE

3. WE CONCUR THAT TRAVEL TO ATHENS AND US SHOULD BE BY COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT ASSUMING THAT MEN ARE IN REASONABLY GOOD CONDITION. FISCAL DATA FOR TRAVEL HAS ALREADY BEEN TRANSMITTED FOR GALLAGHER/DYKES' FAMILIES. FISCAL DATA FOR USIS OFFICER CABLED SEPTEL BY USIA.

4. FISCAL DATA FOR DR. SAMUEL ASPER, DEAN, MEDICAL SCHOOL, AMERICAN UNIVERSITY BEIRUT TO ACCOMPANY MEN, VICE DR. SCHADLER, IS AS FOLLOWS: APPROPRIATION 1960113-1001, ALLOTMENT 1001, TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION 1001-600416, DATED 2/25/76 AND SUBJECT FOR AIR TRAVEL 2152. KISSINGER

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